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1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM REF B THAT DEPARTMENT IS UNCERTAIN ABOUT INTERPRETATION OF CERTAIN FIGURES SET FORTH PARA 2, REF A. LANGUAGE IN QUESTION APPEARS TO BE "BETWEEN 30-40 PERCENT OF US TOURISTS IN BAHAMAS ARE ON CONVENTIONS OR BUSINESS MEETINGS, OF WHICH FIGURE 6-8 PERCENT ENGAGED IN ASSOCIATION MEETINGS AFFECTED BY PROPOSED LEGISLATION."

2. ABOVE LANGUAGE ADOPTED FROM INFORMATION ASCERTAINED BY EMBASSY AT THAT TIME, WHICH DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN (A) PROFESSIONAL-EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS AND (B) OTHER CONVENTIONS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS. EMBASSY HAS NOT SEEN FULL TEXT OF H.R. 1040, BUT ASSUMING ALL CONVENTIONS AND RELATED MEETINGS ARE COVERED THEREIN, CORRECT TOTAL FIGURE WOULD BE 30-40 PERCENT STATISTIC GIVEN ABOVE.

3. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT EFFORTS CONCERNING H.R. 1040 WHICH, IF PASSED IN ITS BROADEST FORM WOULD HAVE AN EX-

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TREMELY UNFORTUNATE EFFECT ON BAHAMIAN ECONOMY AND WOULD

LIKELY BECOME AN IRRITANT IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.
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